

FREE PRESS.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREE PRESS is a leading newspaper and advertising medium, and has the best circulation in the Colorado and San Antonio rivers. It is a paper devoted to immigration and the development and progress of the country. Jeffersonian Democratic in politics. Only and official paper of the county. San Marcos, the county seat, is a growing town of some 1,300 inhabitants, located on the great highway and stage route from Austin, via San Antonio to Mexico, on the line of the International Railroad which has been completed to Austin, the capital of the State, only thirty miles distant, and it is confidently anticipated will soon be extended to this place. It is noted for its religious and educational privileges, and as the center of a fine country and excellent community; also for the celebrated springs, half a mile above, which boil up from the bowels of the earth at the foot of the mountains, forming the San Marcos river, and constituting at once a great natural curiosity and an inexhaustible water power.

Advertising agents, and advertisers generally throughout the country, will be apt to recognize in the proprietor of the Free Press one with whom, as a newspaper publisher of Eastern Indiana during fourteen years, from September 1858 to December 1873, they have probably had business transactions, to which he can point them with pleasure as the best evidence of his responsibility and mode of doing business.

See table of advertising rates on first page.

Our neighbor of the Seguin Times declares his purpose (if a sufficient number of his patrons pay up so he can have the means to start) to try the experiment of an eight page paper, notwithstanding the adverse experience of the FREE PRESS. The publisher of the Times, however, has had the good sense keep up his rates to \$2.50 a year, and besides the business men of Seguin are much more liberal advertisers than those of San Marcos, so there will be little risk in his case. The Times is a fair sized paper, but for some eighteen months we published a paper containing at least twice as much reading matter as the Times for only \$2. a year, while he got \$2.50 for his. Our predecessor, the late J. O. Manlove, advised us against reducing our rates to less than \$2.50, and told us we would add little or nothing to our list by so doing. We have found that he—as also the Seguin Times—understood “the situation” better than we did.

A CONFESSION OF FAILURE.—From Governor Roberts' proclamation for a special session of the Sixteenth Legislature, and from his general message to that Legislature, it appears that his administration is a confessed failure. If the Legislature, after consuming a general session without acting upon the thirty-eight matters he submits, should also waste a special session without doing so, will it not demonstrate itself to be an utter failure? If the governor, by his veto of last session, prevents the taxes levied for those purposes, (which he approved) from being appropriated in accordance with the laws levying them, and, in consequence, public schools are abolished and the State repudiates, while the taxes are collected and idle in the treasury, will not he, too, appear of record to be a confessed failure?—Austin Capital.

A BILL providing for payment of the interest on the public debt for the next two years has passed the House and is before the Senate. No apparent progress in the settlement of differences on any other subject. This is the sum of things at Austin.

COWARD, convicted of murder, and Fields a negro of rape on a white woman at Houston, and sentenced to be hung, have had their sentences commuted by Gov. Roberts into imprisonment for life. This act of the Governor does not appear to have had any just warrant, and has created intense indignation at Houston and elsewhere.

Queen Victoria, has just completed her sixtieth year; only eleven English sovereigns have exceeded that age. Among these were all the Georges, William the fourth and Elizabeth. Victoria has reigned forty-two years—almost as long as Elizabeth, who laid down her sceptre at the end of forty-five years rule.

THE Prince Imperial of the Bonaparte line having recently volunteered to aid the British in their unrighteous raid on the Zulus of South Africa, the young man fell into an ambush and was killed. A most lame and impotent conclusion to the Napoleonic dynasty, of which the founder possessed all the bris.

Mr. Hendricks and the Vice-Presidency.

[N. Y. Sun.]

Mr. Hendricks has been talking again. He declares that he will not be a candidate a second time for Vice-President. If he is on the ticket next year, he must have the first place on it.

We rather like the frankness of Mr. Hendricks, and his right to decline to run again for Vice President is indisputable. But when he comes to talk about having the first place on the ticket, silence on that subject would be more becoming and more politic in him. The people are very jealous of the privilege of choosing their own rulers, and no political party will allow any man to dictate himself to them as their candidate.

It is amusing to see how often men decline in advance offices which, when tendered to them, after due consideration they conclude to accept.

The Day we Celebrate.

[Victoria Advocate.]

Preparations are being made in all towns and cities of importance in the State, to appropriately observe the 4th. of July; and we observe with patriotic pleasure this disposition of the people of the South to return to the custom of their fathers. Whatever may have been the sectional differences which separated us in 1861, there can be no satisfaction in brooding over their unhappy consequences. They are passed—let them be buried, as their remembrance can add nothing to the improvement of the future. Independence day is now, as since 1776, the American's pride—the birth day of the freest, the happiest, and most prosperous nation of the earth. And whatever may be the differences of party, however antagonistic in principle they may be, one cannot think there is a true American, whether native born or naturalized, but rejoices in the nation's strength, and is desirous of its perpetuity. May all men of all parties, befittingly celebrate our national holiday in Texas, burying their prejudices and animosities for that day at least, setting for the rising generation an example of patriotic love of country, and showing to the world that Texas is one of the indivisible union of States, that offers a refuge for the oppressed of other lands, and the open hand of welcome and friendship to all who appreciate her institutions, and respect her form of government. While we know that we have been oppressed, we also know that the yoke of oppression has been thrown off by our people, with the aid of our reasonable and patriotic fellow-citizens of the North, and as we are now inmates of our “father's house,” returned to it allegiance from choice, we cannot object to honor the day which our revolutionary fathers taught us to observe and honor.

THE funeral oration of Bob Ingersoll (as he is popularly called) over his brother, which we copy on our first page, has been widely circulated by his admirers. We have also seen it in a religious paper, and quoted as evidence of the unsatisfactory consolations afforded by infidelity at the close of life. It is certainly a fine expression of human feeling which infidels share with believers. The author is clearly a master of language and sentiment. The address is really a poem, and if turned into blank verse, as it might readily be, would be recognized as a very fine one.

Correction.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—In your article under the caption “Closing Exercises of Coronal Institute,” you gave Mrs. Rounsavall credit for donating the prize which was donated to Miss Hattie Kone by Miss L. M. Smith, the teacher of the school of fine arts and callisthenics. Mrs. Rounsavall is entitled to your complimentary announcements, but not to that which belongs to another.

I believe, had your business engagements not prevented your regular attendance, you could have given a full report, complimentary to Coronal Institute, pupils and teachers, which would have been published to the world that which I believe is so generally felt in this community, that Coronal Institute under the present management, is a grand success, worthy the unrestrained support of the FREE PRESS.

S. B. McBRIDE.

SAN MARCOS, June 24, 1879.

Local option has been defeated by a vote of the people in Blanco county.

June Music.

The publishers of the Southern musical Journal have in the June number given a magnificent selection of music. Send one dollar and get the Journal for a whole long year and we will give you as a June present \$1. worth of any sheet music you may select. Single numbers ten cents. Address the Publishers.

LUDDEN & BATES.

Savannah Ga.

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Stinson & Co. employ agents everywhere through the United States and Dominion of Canada for the sale of their pictures by subscription; we call attention to their advertisement for agents in another column.

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C. H. BAU.

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June 28 6m

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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of G. W. W. and S. H. W. W., deceased, pending in Hays County, Texas: The undersigned having been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of G. W. W. and S. H. W. W., deceased, on the 25th day of February A. D. 1879; notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them to me for payment within the time specified by law, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

June 21 2w F. R. GALLIE, Administrator.

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